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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJ: CONSULAR PACKAGE FY 1979

REF: (A) STATE 087841, (B) STATE 048898, (C) 76 STATE 176506

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CONSULAR WORKLOAD REPORT FOR THE AMERICAN  
EMBASSY, DAMASCUS, SYRIA, BUREAU OF NEAR EAST AND ASIAN  
AFFAIRS.

### 1. FOR SCHEDULE I THROUGH IV COLUMN HEADINGS(4):

| FY-1976    | FY-1977    | FY-1978    | FY-1979    |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ACTUAL     | ESTIMATE   | ESTIMATE   | ESTIMATE   |
| 10/1/75 TO | 10/1/76 TO | 10/1/77 TO | 10/1/78 TO |
| 9/30/76    | 9/30/77    | 9/30/78    | 9/30/79    |

### 2. SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS

|                   |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. IV'S ISSUED    | 1373 | 2773 | 960  | 1080 |
| 2. IV'S REFUSED   | 24   | 303  | 120  | 140  |
| 3. TOTAL IV CASES | 1397 | 3076 | 1080 | 1220 |

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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN:  
FY1976 FY1977 FY1978 FY1979

4. FLLL TIME PERMANENT 160 250 300 330

5. TEMPORARY DETAIL 320 710 NIL NIL

6. PIT NIL NIL NIL NIL

7. SUB-TOTAL 480 960 300 330

#### MAN HOURS

##### LOCAL:

8. FULL TIME PERMANENT 1480 1600 1680 1800

9. TEMPORARY DETAIL 701 2190 NIL NIL

10. PIT 150 200 200 200

11. SUB-TOTAL 2331 3990 1880 2000

12. TOTAL IV MAN/HOURS 2811 4950 2180 2330

##### PCT OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:

13. USE OF INTERPRETER 50 50 80 80

14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 60 40 20 20

#### 3. SCHEDULE II - NON- IMMIGRANT VISAS:

##### NEAR EAST AND ASIAN AFFAIRS

##### DAMASCUS, SYRIA

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15. NIV ISSUED 3770 4300 4000 4500

16. NIV REFUSED 1449 1400 1250 1400

17. TOTAL NIV CASES 5219 5700 5250 5900

#### MANHOURS UTILIZED

##### AMERICAN OFFICERS:

18. FULL TIME PERMANENT 500 360 650 600

19. TEMPORARY DETAIL 280 450 NIL 100

20. PIT (LTCALLY HIRED NIL NIL NIL NIL

#### 21. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 780 810 650 700

## LOCAL

|                        |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| 22. FULL TIME PRMANENT | 1680 | 1650 | 2300 | 2400 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|

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| 23. TEMPORARY DETAIL | 400 | 600 | NIL | NIL |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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| 24. PIT | NIL | 560 | 300 | 400 |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

## 25. SUB TOTAL LOCAL

|           |      |      |      |      |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| MAN HOURS | 2080 | 2710 | 2600 | 2800 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|

|                        |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| 26. TOTAL NIV MANHOURS | 2860 | 3520 | 3250 | 3500 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|

## 27. NIV FEES

|           |             |          |          |          |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| COLLECTED | \$20,164.70 | \$22,000 | \$20,000 | \$22,500 |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|

## 28. BORDER CROSSING

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|            |     |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| CARDSFY-76 | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

## 29. CREW LIST VISAS

|       |     |     |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| FY-76 | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

## 30. NAMES ON CL VISAS

|       |     |     |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| FY-76 | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

## PCT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

|                |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| 31. INTERVIEWS | 85 | 85 | 80 | 75 |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|

|                        |    |    |    |    |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| 32. USE OF INTERPRETER | 70 | 75 | 70 | 65 |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|

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|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| 33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|

## 4. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

## NEAR EAST AND ASIAN AFFAIRS

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

## 34. AMERICAN CITIZEN

|        |   |   |    |    |
|--------|---|---|----|----|
| DEATHS | 6 | 6 | 10 | 12 |
|--------|---|---|----|----|

## 35. ESTATE/PROPERTY

|        |   |   |   |   |
|--------|---|---|---|---|
| CLAIMS | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------|---|---|---|---|

|               |      |     |     |     |
|---------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 36. NOTARIALS | 1421 | 250 | 350 | 450 |
|---------------|------|-----|-----|-----|

## 37. WELFARE/WHERE-

|        |    |    |     |     |
|--------|----|----|-----|-----|
| ABOUTS | 85 | 70 | 100 | 190 |
|--------|----|----|-----|-----|

38. ARRESTS 3 3 4 6

39. SEAMAN AND SHIPPING NIL NIL NIL NIL

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40. OTHER AGENCY SERVICES 15 15 20 20

41. TOTAL SCS CASES 1532 348 489 504

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

42. FULL-TIME PERMANENT 300 300 320 330

43. TEMPORARY DETAIL NIL NIL NIL NIL

44. PIT NIL NIL NIL NIL

45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN HOURS 300 300 320 330

LOCAL

46. FULL TIME PERMANENT 510 480 550 600

47. TEMPORARY DETAIL NIL NIL NIL NIL

48. PIT 145 145 145 145

49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN HOURS 655 625 695 745

50. TOTAL SCS MAN HOURS 955 925 1015 1075

51. TREASURY CHECKS

FY-1976 1452 1100 1000 1100

5. SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES:

NEAR EAST AND ASIAN AFFAIRS

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

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52. PPT APPLICATIONS

|          |     |     |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| EXECUTED | 170 | 220 | 200 | 220 |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

53. PPT APPLICATIONS

|          |     |     |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| EXAMINED | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

|                          |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 54. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED | 150 | 120 | 180 | 200 |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

55. NO FEE POASSPORTS

|        |     |   |   |   |
|--------|-----|---|---|---|
| ISSUED | NIL | 3 | 3 | 4 |
|--------|-----|---|---|---|

56. PPT'S AMENDED OR EX-

|        |    |    |    |    |
|--------|----|----|----|----|
| TENDED | 10 | 10 | 15 | 20 |
|--------|----|----|----|----|

57. NEW REGISTRATION

|              |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| APPLICATIONS | 67 | 70 | 80 | 90 |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|

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| 58. REPORTS OF BIRTH | 13 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|

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|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

61. SUB-TOTAL PASSPORT

|       |     |     |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| CASES | 411 | 438 | 498 | 579 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 62. IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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| 63. TOTAL PASSPORT CASES | 411 | 438 | 498 | 579 |
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## MANHOURS UTILIZED:

## AMERICAN OFFICER

|                         |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| 64. FULL-TIME PERMANENT | 54 | 60 | 65 | 70 |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|

|               |     |     |     |     |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 65. TEMPORARY | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 66. PIT | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

## 67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

|           |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| MAN HOURS | 54 | 60 | 65 | 70 |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|

## LOCAL

|                         |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| 68. FULL-TIME PERMANENT | 71 | 80 | 85 | 95 |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|

|                      |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 69. TEMPORARY DETAIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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|---------|----|----|----|----|
| 70. PIT | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
|---------|----|----|----|----|

## 71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

|           |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| HAN HOURS | 116 | 124 | 130 | 140 |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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| 72. TOTAL PPT MAN HOURS | 160 | 184 | 195 | 210 |
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## 73. AMERICANS REGISTERED

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| 3/31/77 | 305 |
|---------|-----|

## AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT

|              |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 74. OFFICIAL | 101 | 115 | 125 | 135 |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

|                  |     |     |     |      |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 75. NON-OFFICIAL | 350 | 450 | 500 | 2550 |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|

## 6. SCHEDULE V - CONDITION AND JUSTIFICATIONS FY 76

## NEAR EAST AND ASIAN AFFAIRS

## DAMASCUS, SYRIA

|                            |          |       |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|
| HOURS GAINED (SEE REMARKS) | AMERICAN | LOCAL |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|

|          |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|
| OVERTIME | 300 | 551 |
|----------|-----|-----|

DETAILS IN (SEE REMARKS)

|            |      |      |
|------------|------|------|
| HOURS LOST | NONE | NONE |
|------------|------|------|

STAFFING GAPS (SEE REMARKS)

PROLONGED LEAVE            26 CALENDAR DAYS DEFERRED  
 HOME LEAVE BY REGULARLY  
 ASSIGNED CONSULAR OFFICER

NEAR EAST AND ASIAN AFFAIRS  
 DAMASCUS, SYRIA

| AMERICANS | VISAS | SCS | PPT | GENERAL | TOTAL |
|-----------|-------|-----|-----|---------|-------|
|-----------|-------|-----|-----|---------|-------|

|                        |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 76. AUTHORIZED 6/30/76 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

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| 77. AUTHORIZED 3/31/77 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
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| UIM FILLED 3/31/77 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

INCREASE/DECREASE:

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| 79. REQUIRED FY-1978 | NONE |
|----------------------|------|

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| 80. REQUIRED FY-1979 | NONE |
|----------------------|------|

| LOCALS | VISAS | SCS | PPT | GENERAL | TOTAL |
|--------|-------|-----|-----|---------|-------|
|--------|-------|-----|-----|---------|-------|

|                        |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 81. AUTHORIZED 6/30/76 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 3 |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

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|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 82. AUTHORIZED 3/31/77 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 3 |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 83. FILLED 3/31/77 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 3 |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

INCREASE/DECREASE

|  | VISAS | SCS | PPT | GENERAL | TOTAL |
|--|-------|-----|-----|---------|-------|
|--|-------|-----|-----|---------|-------|

|                      |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 84. REQUIRED FY 1978 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

PERMANENT

|                      |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 85. REQUIRED FY 1979 | - | - | - | - | - |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

7. SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.

NEAR EAST AND ASIAN AFFAIRS  
 DAMASCUS, SYRIA

A. FEDERAL BENEFIT ACTIVITY

| NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED: | AMERICAN | LOCAL |
|---------------------------|----------|-------|
|---------------------------|----------|-------|

NONE NONE

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B. FRAUD INVESTIGATION:

DONE BY CONSULAR SECTION REGULAR PERSONNEL SEE REMARKS

HOURS ON OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION:

AMERICAN: NIL LOCAL: 120 HOURS/ FY '76  
VISA APPLICATIONS: NIL RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE (SEE REMARKS)  
PPT APPLICATION: NIL RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE NIL  
DONE FOR INS: 10 FY'76 RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE (SEE REMARKS)

C. U.S. CITIZENS IN JAIL 3/31/77: 2

D. SERVICES FOR INS

1. NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSION: 30 FY'76

2. NUMBER OF I-151 CARDS SURRENDERED: 3 FY'76

3. I-151 CARD INTERVIEW: 10 FY'76

E. LOSS OF NATIONALITY CASES INCLUDING (RENUNCIATIONS): 12  
OPINIONS SUBMITTED DEPT. FY'76. NO CERTS OF LOSS ISSUED. NO  
RENUNCIATION.

F. FOUND PASSPORT CASES PROCESSED: 2 FY'76

G. CONSULAR AGENTS: N/A

H. STAFFING PATTERN: 1 FULL TIME

IV CLERK, 1 FULL-TIME NIV CLERK, 1 FULL-TIME AMERICAN SERVICES  
CLERK. 3 PERMANENT FSL'S INTERCHANGEABLE AND SOME OVERLAP  
OF FUNCTIONS. 2 PIT POSITION PRESENTLY ASSIGNED DO MOST FILE  
WORK AND HANDLE VISA WINDOW UNDER SUPERVISION OF PERMANENT  
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STAFF

REMARKS:

FY 76 ND FY 77 WORKLOAD STATISTICS DISTORT OVERALL COMPARISON



SINCE DAMASCUS TOOK OVER MUCH OF BEIRUT'S VISA WORKLOAD DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 1976 THROUGH MARCH 1977. ISSUANCE OF NIV'S TO RESIDENTS OF LEBANON WAS PHASED OUT AS OF MARCH 1. WITH EXCEPTION OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CASES NEAR COMPLETION AND EMERGENCY CASES, ISSUANCE OF IV'S AFTER APRIL 1, 1977 IS AND WILL ESSENTIALLY BE RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS OF SYRIA. DUE TO ECONOMIC DISLOCATION FROM EVENTS IN LEBANON WE EXPECT CARRY-OVER EFFECT OF ISSUANCE TO LARGE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY WHICH HAS MOVED BACK TO SYRIA FROM BEIRUT. THIS IS FAIRLY LONG TERM TREND WHICH WILL EFFECT WORKLOAD FOR AT LEAST NEXT TWO YEARS.

IN SHORT TERM, WE ARE STILL SEEING ABOUT 40 TO 50 LEBANESE PER WEEK ON IMMIGRANT VISA CASES ON FILE HERE. THIS INVOLVES ONE PIT POSITION FULL-TIME WITH COUNTER AND FILE WORK AND PREPARATION FOR TRANSFER OF FILES TO BEIRUT FOR EVENTUAL ISSUANCE THERE. DURING TIME VISA SERVICES WERE SUSPENDED IN BEIRUT STAFF HERE PERFORMED SERVICES WHICH ARE NOT ACCURATELY REFLECTED IN

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WORKLOAD OF MANHOURS STATISTICS. TWO OF 4 FSL'S FROM BEIRUT ON TDY HERE HAD LITTLE PRIOR VISA EXPERIENCE. ADDITIONAL TIME WAS THUS SPENT ON TRAINING THEM. ADDITIONALLY, TWO PIT POSITIONS AUTHORIZED HERE SINCE LAST SUMMER HAVE BEEN FILLED BY THREE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS. ADDITIONAL STAFF TIME WAS SPENT IN TRAINING THEM.

ALSO NOT REFLECTED IN STATISTICS FOR FY '76 AND '77 WAS UNUSALLY HEAVY CORRESPONDANCE ON LEBANESE VISA CASES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THREE MONTH PERIOD JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1976, POST RECEIVED 96 CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES.

SCS WORKLOAD WAS ALSO AFFECTED BY LEBANESE EVENTS AND CANNOT

ACCURATELY BE REFLECTED IN STATISTICS. SUCH SERVICES AS TEMPORARY REGISTRATION OF USG AND PRIVATELY INITIATED EVACUEES TOOK MUCH STAFF TIME. WE ALSO HAD UPSURGE OF W/W INQUIRIES AND SSA ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF LEBANON WHO WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT EMBASSY BEIRUT.

IN ADDITION TO ABOVE MENTIONED TDY FSL'S, FIVE DIFFERENT FSO'S WERE ASSIGNED HERE ON TDY TO COPE WITH LEBANESE CLIENTELE. DURING SIX MONTHS POST HAD REQUESTED TWO ADDITIONAL FSO'S. WE HAD IN FACT HAD TO GET BY WITH ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL OFFICER ABOUT ONE-HALF THE TIME. THUS, THE MANY HOURS OF OVERTIME NOTED IN FY '76. THE SAME WAS TRUE FOR FSL/TDY POSITIONS WHICH WERE NOT ALWAYS STAFFED AS WE REQUESTED.

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IN REF C DEPARTMENT STATED THAT ON BASIS OF LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR PACKAGE PROVISION WOULD BE MADE IN FY '78 BUDGET REQUEST FOR ONE ADDITIONAL FSL POSITION FOR DAMASCUS. WE IN FACT HAVE NEEDED THAT POSITION SINCE LAST FALL. WE HAVE ONE LOCAL WHO SHOULD BE PUT ON PERMANENT STATUS NOW WHO HAS BEEN OCCUPYING PIT POSITION FOR EIGHT MONTHS. SHE IS NOW FULL TRAINED IN ALL PHASES OF CONSULAR WORK AND LOSING HER WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO DO STATUTORY WORK AND TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES FOR SMALL BUT GROWING AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE.

IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE WE CAN ANTICIPATE LARGE NUMBER OF SUB-CONTRACT U.S. EMPLOYEES HERE WORKING ON USAID-INSPIRED ACTIVITY. THERE ARE ALSO LARGE PRIVATE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS BE NEGOTIATED. IN ADDITION, IMPROVED ECONOMIC SITUATION IN SYRIA AND MORE RELAXED SARG POLICIES ON TRAVEL WILL CAUSE 20 TO 30 PER CENT INCREASE PER YEAR IN NIV WORKLOAD.

BETTER UTILIZATION OF STAFF WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY TRANSFER OF CERTAIN SERVICES TO OTHER SECTIONS OF EMBASSY AND ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES. EXAMPLE OF FORMER WAS TRANSFER OF SYRIAN AND THIRD-COUNTRY VISA SERVICES FOR MISSION PERSONNEL TO GSO SECTION. OF LATTER, WAS ELIMINATION OF CERTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO REQUESTED THEM BUT ARE UNABLE TO SHOW THAT SUCH SERVICES ARE REQUIRED IN U.S. PREVIOUSLY, WE HAD PROVIDED SUCH SERVICES FOR EVERY SCHOOL AND VITAL STATISTIC RECORD BEING SENT TO US. UPON REQUEST.

WE WOULD LIKE TO DO MORE OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION OF DOCUMENTS AUTHENTICITY AND OF APPLICANT BACKGROUND THAN WE CAN DO AT PRESENT.

AT PRESENT, SUCH INVESTIGATIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY ONLY DONE IN CASES WHERE INS OR SSA REQUESTS THEM. THERE ARE MANY VISA CASES WHICH SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED MORE THOROUGHLY BY ACTUAL OUTSIDE WORK OF PERMANENT FSL STAFF. WE ARE NOTING UPSURGE

OF THIRD AND SIXTH PREFERENCE IV CASES WHICH WILL REQUIRE SUCH  
INVESTIGATIONS.

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WHILE SCS ACTIVITY HERE IS SMALL IN NUMBER, IT IS TIME  
CONSUMING. TO GET MORE TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION, MORE  
TIME SHOULD BE SPENT OUT OF OFFICE FOLLOWING UP ON REQUESTS  
FOR INFORMATION ETC. AND VERIFICATION OF SAME.

DEPARTMENT IS, THUS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE ONE ADDITIONAL FSL  
POSITION FOR DAMASCUS AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. THIS POSITION WILL  
BE FILLED WITH ONE OF TWO PIT'S. CONTINUATION OF OTHER PIT  
POSITION THROUGH SUMMER RUSH SEASON WILL BE DISCUSSED  
SEPTEL.

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